

Smith.  
Stone.

Terrell.  
Willacy.

Absent.

Chambers.  
Glasscock.  
Harbison.  
Holsey.  
Looney.

Mayfield.  
Paulus.  
Stokes.  
Veale.

Action then recurred on the amendment by Senator Looney, and the same was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—4.

Alexander.  
Barrett.

Faust.  
Meachum.

Nays—18.

Brachfield.  
Cunningham.  
Green.  
Greer.  
Griggs.  
Grinnan.  
Harper.  
Hudspeth.  
Kellie.

Masterson.  
Murray.  
Senter.  
Skinner.  
Smith.  
Stone.  
Terrell.  
Watson.  
Willacy.

Absent.

Chambers.  
Glasscock.  
Harbison.  
Holsey.  
Looney.

Mayfield.  
Paulus.  
Stokes.  
Veale.

Senator Harper offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill by striking out Section five (5).

The amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—15.

Brachfield.  
Green.  
Griggs.  
Grinnan.  
Harper.  
Kellie.  
Mayfield.  
Murray.

Senter.  
Skinner.  
Smith.  
Stone.  
Terrell.  
Watson.  
Willacy.

Nays—8.

Alexander.  
Barrett.  
Cunningham.  
Faust.

Greer.  
Hudspeth.  
Masterson.  
Meachum.

Absent.

Chambers.  
Glasscock.

Harbison.  
Holsey.

Looney.

Stokes.  
Veale.

Senator Skinner offered the following amendment:

Amend Section 3, line 13, from the end of said section, by striking out all after the word "census," in said line, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "And shall fix a rate that will yield and produce for such fiscal year \$3 per capita for all the children within the scholastic age as shown by said scholastic census; provided, that the rate so fixed for any year shall never exceed the rate fixed by law."

Senator Hudspeth offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend the amendment by striking out "\$3" and insert "\$7."

Senator Green offered the following substitute for the amendment to the amendment:

Substitute the amendment to the amendment by striking out "\$3" and insert "\$5."

#### ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Senator Faust, the Senate, at 5:45 o'clock p. m., adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

#### SIXTEENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas,  
Friday, May 3, 1907.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, Lieutenant Governor Davidson presiding.

Roll call, quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Alexander.  
Barrett.  
Brachfield.  
Cunningham.  
Faust.  
Glasscock.  
Green.  
Greer.  
Griggs.  
Grinnan.  
Harbison.  
Harper.  
Hudspeth.  
Kellie.

Masterson.  
Mayfield.  
Meachum.  
Murray.  
Paulus.  
Senter.  
Skinner.  
Smith.  
Stokes.  
Stone.  
Terrell.  
Watson.  
Willacy.

Absent.

Chambers.  
Holsey.

Looney.  
Veale.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. H. M. Sears.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, on motion of Senator Stone, the same was dispensed with.

(See Appendix for committee reports and petitions.)

#### INVITATION.

The Chair laid the following before the Senate, and the same was read and accepted:

University of Texas,  
May 2, 1907.

To the Lieutenant Governor of Texas:

You are cordally invited and requested to announce the invitation of the members of the Senate to attend a debate on "Immediate vs. Representative Government," to be given Saturday, May 4, at 8:15 p. m., in the University of Texas auditorium.

Secretary of the Committee in Charge.

#### EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Willacy, Senator Looney was excused from Wednesday until May 8th on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Willacy, Senator Chambers was excused from Monday of this week indefinitely on account of sickness of family.

On motion of Senator Terrell, Senator Holsey was excused for this week on account of sickness.

On motion of Senator Griggs, Senator Glasscock was excused for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Murray, Senator Veale was excused for this week on account of important business.

Morning call concluded.

#### FIRST HOUSE MESSAGE.

Hall of the House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas, May 3, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bill:

Senate bill No. 10, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 975, Chapter 8, Title XXVII of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, concerning judgments of the Supreme Court, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

#### SENATE BILL NO. 55.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading and unfinished business from yesterday,

Senate bill No. 55, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an act passed at the Regular Session of the Thirtieth Legislature, entitled 'An Act to provide for a board to calculate State purposes each year, and to prescribe the duties of such board and certain duties of the tax assessors of the various counties in this State,' providing that said board shall also calculate the ad valorem rate of taxes for public free school purposes and also authorizing the commissioners courts of the several counties of this State to calculate the rate and to adjust the taxes levied in the several counties or portions thereof, for general or special purposes to the taxable values as shown on the assessment rolls."

The pending question was the substitute amendment by Senator Green for the amendment by Senator Hudspeth to the amendment by Senator Skinner. (See Journal of yesterday.)

Senator Hudspeth withdrew the amendment to the amendment, which carried with it the substitute for same by Senator Green.

Senator Green then offered the substitute as an amendment to the Skinner amendment, but pending discussion withdrew same.

(Senator Brachfield in the chair.)

Senator Hudspeth offered the following amendment for the Skinner amendment:

Amend the bill by striking out all of Section 3, which relates to State school tax.

HUDSPETH,  
TERRELL.

#### SECOND HOUSE MESSAGE.

Hall of the House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas, May 3, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House concurs in Senate amendments to House bill No. 2.

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

RECESS.

On motion of Senator Kellie, the Senate, at 12:15 o'clock, recessed until 2:30 o'clock today.

## AFTER RECESS.

The Senate was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Davidson.

## SENATE BILL NO. 55.

Action recurred on Senate bill No. 55, the question being on the amendment by Senator Hudspeth to the amendment by Senator Skinner.

Pending discussion Senator Hudspeth withdrew the amendment to the amendment.

Senator Hudspeth then offered the following amendment to the Skinner amendment:

Amend the amendment by striking out "\$3.00" and inserting "\$4.00."

Senator Hudspeth moved the previous question on pending amendments, which motion being duly seconded, was so ordered.

The amendment to the amendment was then adopted, and

The amendment, as amended, was adopted.

Senator Skinner moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was adopted, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senator Smith offered the following amendment.

Amend the bill by adding thereto the following as Section 5 of the bill:

"Sec. 5. This act shall become and be inoperative on January 1, 1909, and thereafter the provisions thereof shall not be enforced."

(Senator Meachum in the chair.)

Senator Kellie moved the previous question on the amendment, which motion being duly seconded, was so ordered.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—10.

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| Faust.   | Kellie.  |
| Green.   | Senter.  |
| Greer.   | Smith.   |
| Grinnan. | Stone.   |
| Harper.  | Terrell. |

Nays—13.

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| Alexander.  | Mayfield. |
| Barrett.    | Meachum.  |
| Brachfield. | Skinner.  |
| Cunningham. | Stokes.   |
| Glasscock.  | Watson.   |
| Griggs.     | Willacy.  |
| Masterson.  |           |

## Absent.

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Harbison. | Murray. |
| Hudspeth. | Paulus. |

## Absent—Excused.

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Chambers. | Looney. |
| Holsey.   | Veale.  |

Senator Grinnan offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out of Section 3 the words "the rate fixed by law," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "15 (fifteen) cents."

GRINNAN,  
MEACHUM.

Senator Smith offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend the amendment as follows: Strike out the words "fifteen cents," and insert therefor the following: "Twelve and one-half cents on the one hundred dollars valuation on all taxable property listed and assessed for ad valorem taxes under the laws of this State."

Senator Stone moved the previous question on the pending amendments, which motion being duly seconded, was so ordered.

Action recurred on the amendment to the amendment, and the same was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—9.

|            |          |
|------------|----------|
| Faust.     | Meachum. |
| Glasscock. | Senter.  |
| Green.     | Smith.   |
| Grinnan.   | Stone.   |
| Harper.    |          |

Nays—14.

|             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| Alexander.  | Masterson. |
| Barrett.    | Mayfield.  |
| Brachfield. | Skinner.   |
| Cunningham. | Stokes.    |
| Greer.      | Terrell.   |
| Griggs.     | Watson.    |
| Kellie.     | Willacy.   |

## Absent.

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Harbison. | Murray. |
| Hudspeth. | Paulus. |

## Absent—Excused.

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Chambers. | Looney. |
| Holsey.   | Veale.  |

Action then recurred on the amendment by Senator Grinnan, and the same was lost by the following vote:

## Yeas—10.

|            |          |
|------------|----------|
| Faust.     | Harper.  |
| Glasscock. | Meachum. |
| Green.     | Senter.  |
| Greer.     | Smith.   |
| Grinnan.   | Stone.   |

## Nays—13.

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| Alexander.  | Mayfield. |
| Barrett.    | Skinner.  |
| Brachfield. | Stokes.   |
| Cunningham. | Terrell.  |
| Griggs.     | Watson.   |
| Kellie.     | Willacy.  |
| Masterson.  |           |

## Absent.

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Harbison. | Murray. |
| Hudspeth. | Paulus. |

## Absent—Excused.

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Chambers. | Looney. |
| Holsey.   | Veale.  |

Senator Skinner moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was lost, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senator Glasscock offered the following amendment:

Amend Senate bill No. 55 by adding to the end of Section 2 the following: "Provided further, that should the tax assessor of any county fail to file with the Comptroller the copy of the tax roll by the first day of September, then the Tax Board shall take the assessment of such county for the preceding year as a basis of valuation for such county."

Senator Stone moved the previous question on the amendment and the bill, which motion, being duly seconded, was so ordered.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

## Yeas—5.

|            |         |
|------------|---------|
| Faust.     | Harper. |
| Glasscock. | Smith.  |
| Greer.     |         |

## Nays—18.

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| Alexander.  | Mayfield. |
| Barrett.    | Meachum.  |
| Brachfield. | Senter.   |
| Cunningham. | Skinner.  |
| Green.      | Stokes.   |
| Griggs.     | Stone.    |
| Grinnan.    | Terrell.  |
| Kellie.     | Watson.   |
| Masterson.  | Willacy.  |

## Absent.

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Harbison. | Murray. |
| Hudspeth. | Paulus. |

## Absent—Excused.

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Chambers. | Looney. |
| Holsey.   | Veale.  |

The bill was read second time, and ordered engrossed by the following vote:

## Yeas—15.

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| Alexander.  | Mayfield. |
| Barrett.    | Meachum.  |
| Brachfield. | Skinner.  |
| Cunningham. | Stone.    |
| Glasscock.  | Terrell.  |
| Greer.      | Watson.   |
| Griggs.     | Willacy.  |
| Masterson.  |           |

## Nays—6.

|          |         |
|----------|---------|
| Faust.   | Senter. |
| Green.   | Smith.  |
| Grinnan. | Stokes. |

## Absent.

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Harbison. | Murray. |
|-----------|---------|

## Absent—Excused.

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Chambers. | Looney. |
| Holsey.   | Veale.  |

## PAIRED.

Senator Harper (present), who would vote "nay," with Senator Paulus (absent), who would vote "yea."

Senator Kellie (present), who would vote "yea," with Senator Hudspeth (absent), who would vote "nay."

Senator Skinner moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered engrossed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

On motion of Senator Skinner, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

## Yeas—22.

|             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| Alexander.  | Griggs.    |
| Barrett.    | Harbison.  |
| Brachfield. | Harper.    |
| Cunningham. | Kellie.    |
| Faust.      | Masterson. |
| Glasscock.  | Mayfield.  |
| Green.      | Meachum.   |
| Greer.      | Skinner.   |

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|---------|----------|
| Smith.  | Terrell. |
| Stokes. | Watson.  |
| Stone.  | Willacy. |

Nays—2.

|          |         |
|----------|---------|
| Grinnan. | Senter. |
|----------|---------|

Absent.

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Hudspeth. | Paulus. |
| Murray.   |         |

Absent—Excused.

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Chambers. | Looney. |
| Holsey.   | Veale.  |

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—15.

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| Alexander.  | Mayfield. |
| Barrett.    | Meachum.  |
| Brachfield. | Skinner.  |
| Cunningham. | Stone.    |
| Glasscock.  | Terrell.  |
| Greer.      | Watson.   |
| Griggs.     | Willacy.  |
| Masterson.  |           |

Nays—7.

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Faust.    | Senter. |
| Green.    | Smith.  |
| Grinnan.  | Stokes. |
| Harbison. |         |

Absent.

Murray.

Absent—Excused.

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Chambers. | Looney. |
| Holsey.   | Veale.  |

PAIRED.

Senator Kellie (present), who would vote "yea," with Senator Hudspeth (absent), who would vote "nay."

Senator Harper (present), who would vote "nay," with Senator Paulus (absent), who would vote "yea."

Senator Skinner moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

## REASONS FOR VOTING.

I vote "yea" on the bill for the following reasons:

On account of raised value on the tax rolls of this State the amount of moneys collected will be far in excess of the amount necessary for the economical administration of the government, and for the purpose of maintaining the

schools for the constitutional limit of six months.

I still believe that the method is impracticable on account of the tax assessment and collection laws, and can not be enforced until all the laws on this subject have been revised to conform to this law.

BRACHFIELD.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 10.

Pending business being House bill No. 18,

Senator Willacy moved that the pending order of business (House bill No. 18) be suspended, and the Senate take up, out of its order, House bill No. 10.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—17.

|             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| Alexander.  | Masterson. |
| Barrett.    | Mayfield.  |
| Brachfield. | Meachum.   |
| Cunningham. | Senter.    |
| Faust.      | Skinner.   |
| Glasscock.  | Terrell.   |
| Green.      | Watson.    |
| Griggs.     | Willacy.   |
| Grinnan.    |            |

Nays—6.

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Greer.    | Kellie. |
| Harbison. | Smith.  |
| Harper.   | Stone.  |

Absent.

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Hudspeth. | Paulus. |
| Murray.   | Stokes. |

Absent—Excused.

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Chambers. | Looney. |
| Holsey.   | Veale.  |

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 10, A bill to be entitled "An Act prescribing franchise taxes to be paid by private, domestic and foreign corporations for the exercise of the privilege of doing business within the State of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report, with amendments was, on motion of Senator Skinner, adopted.

Senator Willacy offered the following amendment, which was adopted:

Strike out the word "hundred," in line 27, page 15.

Senator Masterson offered the following amendment, which was adopted:

Amend the bill by adding:

"Sec. 15a. In case a corporation is actually in process of liquidation, such corporation shall only be required to pay a franchise tax calculated upon the difference between the amount of stock actually issued and the amount of liquidating dividends actually paid upon such stock; provided, that the president and secretary of such corporation shall make affidavit as to the total amount of capital stock issued and as to the amount of liquidating dividends actually paid and that such corporation is in an actual bona fide state of liquidation."

Senator Smith offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill by striking out the committee amendment.

Senator Smith moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until tomorrow morning after the conclusion of the morning call.

Senator Willacy moved to table the motion to postpone, which motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—15.

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| Alexander.  | Mayfield. |
| Barrett.    | Meachum.  |
| Brachfield. | Skinner.  |
| Faust.      | Stone.    |
| Green.      | Terrell.  |
| Griggs.     | Watson.   |
| Harper.     | Willacy.  |
| Kellie.     |           |

Nays—8.

|             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| Cunningham. | Masterson. |
| Glasscock.  | Senter.    |
| Greer.      | Smith.     |
| Grinnan.    | Stokes.    |

Absent.

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Harbison. | Murray. |
| Hudspeth. | Paulus. |

Absent—Excused.

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Chambers. | Looney. |
| Holsey.   | Veale.  |

Action recurred on the amendment by Senator Smith, and Senator Willacy moved to table same.

#### REFUSE TO ADJOURN.

Senator Smith moved that the Senate adjourn until to morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Senator Stone moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Action recurred on the longest time first. The motion to adjourn until Mon-

day morning was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—5.

|            |         |
|------------|---------|
| Barrett.   | Stokes. |
| Masterson. | Stone.  |
| Smith.     |         |

Nays—18.

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| Alexander.  | Harper.   |
| Brachfield. | Kellie.   |
| Cunningham. | Mayfield. |
| Faust.      | Meachum.  |
| Glasscock.  | Senter.   |
| Green.      | Skinner.  |
| Greer.      | Terrell.  |
| Griggs.     | Watson.   |
| Grinnan.    | Willacy.  |

Absent.

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Harbison. | Paulus. |
| Hudspeth. | Veale.  |
| Murray.   |         |

Absent—Excused.

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Chambers. | Looney. |
| Holsey.   |         |

The motion to adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock was then lost by the following vote:

Yeas—4.

|            |         |
|------------|---------|
| Glasscock. | Smith.  |
| Senter.    | Stokes. |

Nays—19.

|             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| Alexander.  | Kellie.    |
| Barrett.    | Masterson. |
| Brachfield. | Mayfield.  |
| Cunningham. | Meachum.   |
| Faust.      | Skinner.   |
| Green.      | Stone.     |
| Greer.      | Terrell.   |
| Griggs.     | Watson.    |
| Grinnan.    | Willacy.   |
| Harper.     |            |

Absent.

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Harbison. | Murray. |
| Hudspeth. | Paulus. |

Absent—Excused.

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Chambers. | Looney. |
| Holsey.   | Veale.  |

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 10.

Action recurred on House bill No. 10, the question being on the motion by Senator Willacy to table the amendment by Senator Smith, which motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

## Yeas—19.

|             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| Alexander.  | Kellie.    |
| Barrett.    | Masterson. |
| Brachfield. | Meachum.   |
| Cunningham. | Senter.    |
| Faust.      | Skinner.   |
| Green.      | Stone.     |
| Greer.      | Terrell.   |
| Griggs.     | Watson.    |
| Grinnan.    | Willacy.   |
| Harper.     |            |

## Nays—4.

|            |         |
|------------|---------|
| Glasscock. | Smith.  |
| Mayfield.  | Stokes. |

## Absent.

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Harbison. | Murray. |
| Hudspeth. | Paulus. |

## Absent—Excused.

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Chambers. | Looney. |
| Holsey.   | Veale.  |

Senator Senter offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill by striking out lines 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 on page 7.

Senator Skinner offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend the bill by striking out the words "with his consent," in line 5, page 7, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "With his knowledge, approval and consent."

Senator Terrell moved to table the amendment and the substitute, which motion to table was lost.

The substitute was adopted.

The amendment, as substituted, was then adopted.

Senator Alexander offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill by adding the following at the end of Section 6: "Provided, that any corporation taxed under this act may, by a vote of the owner or owners of two-thirds of the subscribed and issued capital stock, reduce its capital stock to any amount not less than that required by law, and if said stock is so reduced such fact shall be certified to the Secretary of State by the secretary of such corporation under the corporate seal, and thereafter such corporation shall pay the taxes herein provided on the amount of capital stock shown by such certificate."

Also amend the caption by inserting after the word "rights," in line 1 of page 2 the following: "Providing for the reduction of the capital stock of corporations and the amount of franchise tax to be paid thereafter."

Senator Terrell moved the previous question on the amendment and the bill, which motion being duly seconded, was so ordered.

The amendment by Senator Alexander was then adopted.

Bill read second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Willacy, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

## Yeas—20.

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| Alexander.  | Harper.   |
| Barrett.    | Kellie.   |
| Brachfield. | Mayfield. |
| Cunningham. | Meachum.  |
| Faust.      | Senter.   |
| Green.      | Skinner.  |
| Greer.      | Stone.    |
| Griggs.     | Terrell.  |
| Grinnan.    | Watson.   |
| Harbison.   | Willacy.  |

## Nays—3.

|            |        |
|------------|--------|
| Glasscock. | Smith. |
| Masterson. |        |

## Absent.

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Hudspeth. | Paulus. |
| Murray.   | Stokes. |

## Absent—Excused.

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Chambers. | Looney. |
| Holsey.   | Veale.  |

Senator Terrell moved the previous question on the final passage of the bill, which motion, being duly seconded, was so ordered.

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

## Yeas—19.

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| Alexander.  | Kellie.   |
| Barrett.    | Mayfield. |
| Brachfield. | Meachum.  |
| Cunningham. | Senter.   |
| Faust.      | Skinner.  |
| Green.      | Stone.    |
| Greer.      | Terrell.  |
| Griggs.     | Watson.   |
| Grinnan.    | Willacy.  |
| Harbison.   |           |

## Nays—4.

|            |         |
|------------|---------|
| Harper.    | Smith.  |
| Masterson. | Stokes. |

## Absent.

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Hudspeth. | Paulus. |
| Murray.   |         |

## Absent—Excused.

Chambers. . . . . Looney.  
Holsey. . . . . Veale.

## Present—Not Voting.

Glasscock.

Senator Terrell moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Executive Office,  
State of Texas.

Austin, Texas, May 3, 1907.

To the Senate:

The advice and consent of the Senate is requested to the appointment of Hon. N. A. Cravens as State Purchasing Agent, vice Hon. B. B. Cannon, resigned.

T. M. CAMPBELL,  
Governor.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION — TIME SET FOR.

Senator Glasscock moved that Monday morning at 11 o'clock be designated for the Senate to hold executive session for the purpose of considering the above appointment by the Governor.

The motion prevailed.

## BILL SIGNED BY THE CHAIR.

The Chair (Lieutenant Governor Davidson) gave notice of signing, and did sign, in the presence of the Senate, after its caption had been read:

Senate bill No. 10, "An Act to amend Article 75, Chapter 8, Title XXVII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, concerning judgments of the Supreme Court."

## ADJOURNMENT.

Senator Skinner moved that the Senate adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Senator Cunningham moved that the Senate adjourn until 9:30 o'clock Monday morning.

Action being on the longest time first, the motion to adjourn until Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—12.

Alexander. . . . . Cunningham.  
Barrett. . . . . Faust.

Griggs. . . . . Masterson.  
Harbison. . . . . Stone.  
Harper. . . . . Terrell.  
Kellie. . . . . Watson.

Nays—11.

Brachfield. . . . . Meachum.  
Glasscock. . . . . Senter.  
Green. . . . . Skinner.  
Greer. . . . . Smith.  
Grinnan. . . . . Willacy.  
Mayfield.

Absent.

Hudspeth. . . . . Paulus.  
Murray. . . . . Stokes.

Absent—Excused.

Chambers. . . . . Looney.  
Holsey. . . . . Veale.

## PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Masterson:

Galveston, Texas, April 24, 1907.

To the Hon. T. W. Masterson, Senator from Galveston District; Hon. Clay S. Briggs and Hon. D. B. MacInerney, Members of the House of Representatives from Galveston District:

We, the undersigned employes of the various railroads having property and interests in Galveston county, hereby petition you to protest against any reduction in the present rate of passenger fare, as we consider that in order to maintain and improve the passenger service the rates now in effect should be allowed to stand.

Numerously signed.

By Senator Senter:

Garland, Texas, May 1, 1907.

To Hon. E. G. Senter, Austin, Texas:

We, the undersigned voters and citizens of Garland, Dallas county, beg to petition you to vote for the passage of the 2-cent passenger bill, and show this to the Representatives from this district, and ask them to use their influence for its passage.

Numerously signed.

By Senator Cunningham:

To Senator W. J. Cunningham:

We, the undersigned citizens of Martin county, and the district, respectfully



petition you to use every honorable effort to gain the passage of the 2-cent rate bill. The messages you are receiving are induced by corporate influence when they ask you to vote against this measure.

Numerously signed.

By Senator Greer:

Hon. W. J. Greer, Senator, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: We notice in the Dallas News of April 23 that the 2-cent passenger rate bill is again before the Legislature for consideration.

We sincerely hope you will use your influence to defeat this measure, realizing that this is an inopportune time to make a reduction in the passenger fares locally within the State which we feel the Texas railroad can not stand, and which would result in deterioration of the railway service and accommodation.

The people generally are not asking for a passenger rate reduction, but they are demanding of the Texas railroads better service, and that they increase their facilities for handling the commerce of this great State. We realize that if the revenues of the railroads are reduced in the manner proposed by this bill that it will curtail new railroad construction within the State, which we are very much opposed to.

We sincerely hope you will use your best efforts to defeat the proposed legislation.

Numerously signed.

Senator Skinner presented the following memorial, numerously signed by citizens from Itasca, Hillsboro and Abbott, Hill county:

We, the undersigned citizens of Hill county, Texas, hereby petition our representatives in the House and Senate to vote against and oppose, by all honorable means, the proposition now pending before the Legislature touching the reduction of railway passenger fare in this State, believing, as we do, that such action at this time would prevent a reduction of freight tariffs, which is desired by the people at this time; believing, as we do, that the principle of doing that which would be the greatest good to the greatest number is the thing most desired at this time.

Senator Griggs here presented to the Senate petitions protesting against the passage of the 2-cent passenger fare bill, said petition being signed by some 5000 citizens residing in his district.

## SEVENTEENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas,  
Monday, May 6, 1907.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, Lieutenant Governor Davidson presiding.

Roll call, quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

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| Barrett.    | Mayfield. |
| Brachfield. | Meachum.  |
| Chambers.   | Murray.   |
| Cunningham. | Paulus.   |
| Faust.      | Senter.   |
| Glasscock.  | Skinner.  |
| Green.      | Smith.    |
| Greer.      | Stokes.   |
| Griggs.     | Stone.    |
| Grinnan.    | Terrell.  |
| Harper.     | Veale.    |
| Hudspeth.   | Watson.   |
| Kellie.     | Willacy.  |
| Masterson.  |           |

Absent.

Alexander. Holsey.  
Harbison.

Absent—Excused.

Looney.

Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Briggs of Austin.

Pending the reading of the Journal of Friday, on motion of Senator Harper, the same was dispensed with.

(See Appendix for committee reports and petitions.)

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT.

See Appendix for report of Special Joint Committee, appointed by the Twenty-ninth Legislature, anent the Pan-American College of Commerce.

## BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Senter:

Senate bill No. 58, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a Judiciary Commission to prepare and submit to the Thirty-first Texas Legislature drafts of constitutional amendments and bills and measures for the improvements of the judiciary system and court procedure of Texas."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

Morning call concluded.

## SENATE BILL NO. 48.

On motion of Senator Faust, the pending order of business (Senate bill No.